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and 800 pounds and greater were 420 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.98 million, 4 percent above 2001 and 3 percent above 2000. Other disappearance totaled 84.0 thousand during October, 24 percent above 2001 and 27 percent above 2000.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 490 thousand head on November 1, 2002, 1 percent below last month, but 4 percent above November 2001. During October, placements of 60.0 thousand head remained the same as the previous year. Marketings of 58.0 thousand head were 16 percent above October of 2001. Other disappearance totaled 7.00 thousand head.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 9 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 10.7 million head on November 1, 2002. The inventory was 9 percent below both November 1, 2001 and November 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.39 million, 12 percent below 2001 and 16 percent below 2000. Net placements were 2.30 million. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 809 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 638 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 521 thousand,

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 9 PERCENT IN THE HISTORIC SEVEN-MONTHLY STATES

Cattle on feed November 1, 2002, in the historic seven states for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 9.30 million, down 9 percent from both the previous year and November 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.01 million, 13 percent below 2001 and 16 percent below 2000. Marketings during October totaled 1.71 million, 4 percent above both 2001 and 2000. Other disappearance during October was 75.0 thousand head, 32 percent above 2001 and 50 percent above 2000.

Special Note: Cattle On Feed release format will be modified to exclude calculation and publication of the historic seven states. Availability of U.S. and the 12 individually published state's data will remain unchanged. The same seven-state data can still be calculated from the U.S. release by summing the historic seven states' totals. This change will be effective beginning with the publication released Friday, February 14, 2003.

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS FOR THE SEVEN-SELECTED STATES

State	Number On Feed October 1 1/			Placed During October		Marketed During October	
	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousand Head						
Arizona	298	288	97	35	28	31	25
California	465	495	106	60	60	50	58
Colorado	1,060	1,030	97	315	250	200	210
Iowa	310	315	102	75	95	44	73
Kansas	2,540	2,280	90	560	455	415	410
Nebraska	1,950	1,960	101	590	520	330	360
Texas	2,990	2,720	91	680	600	570	570
Seven-State Total	9,613	9,088	95	2,315	2,008	1,640	1,706
State	Other Disappearance During October 2/		Number On Feed November 1			2002/2001	
	2001	2002	2001	2002			
	Thousand Head						Percent
Arizona	1	1	301	290	96		
California	5	7	470	490	104		
Colorado	5	10	1,170	1,060	91		
Iowa	1	2	340	335	99		
Kansas	15	25	2,670	2,300	86		
Nebraska	10	10	2,200	2,110	96		
Texas	20	20	3,080	2,730	89		
Seven-State Total	57	75	10,231	9,315	91		

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during October 2002 totaled 126.3 million pounds (dressed weight), up 11 percent from last month and 18 percent above October 2001. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In October 2002, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,289 pounds; calves, 151 pounds; and hogs, 234 pounds.

MONTHLY RECORD HIGHS FOR BEEF AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.38 billion pounds in October. This was up 3 percent from the 4.27 billion pounds produced in October 2001 and a new record-high for October.

October 2001 and 2002 both contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.51 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year and a new record-high for October. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.27 million head, up 3 percent from October 2001. The average live weight was 1,270 pounds, up 23 pounds from October a year ago.

Veal production totaled 18.7 million pounds, 5 percent above October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 100.8 thousand head, up 7 percent from October 2001. The average live weight was 308 pounds, down 10 pounds from October a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.83 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.40 million head, 1 percent above October 2001. The average live weight was 264 pounds, down 3 pounds from October a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.6 million pounds, was down 1 percent from October 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 300.2 thousand head, 4 percent above last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, down 6 pounds from October a year ago.

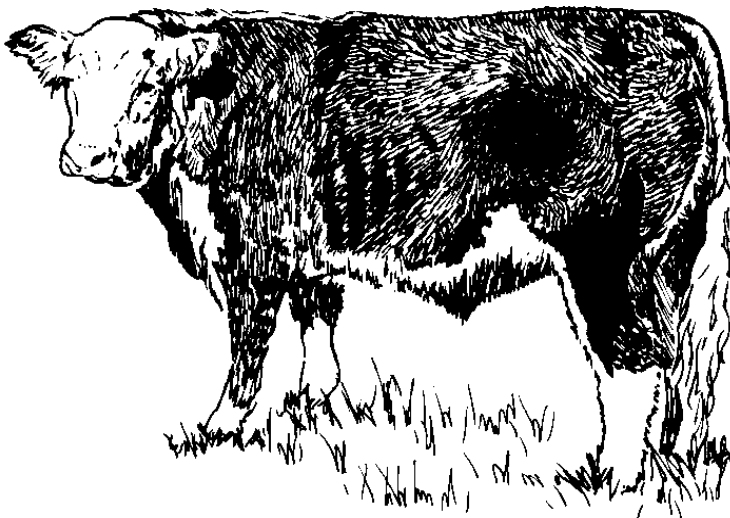
January - October red meat production was 39.4 billion pounds, 4 percent above the previous year. Accumulated beef production was up 5 percent from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

OCTOBER COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER 1/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousand Head		Thousand Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	99.3	120.3	127,000	155,034	1,279	1,289
U.S. Total	3,162.0	3,266.6	3,943,776	4,148,613	1,247	1,270
CALVES						
California	10.2	9.9	1,892	1,492	185	151
U.S. Total	93.9	100.8	29,830	31,047	318	308
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	289.1	300.2	39,721	39,285	137	131
HOGS						
California	219.4	232.4	50,048	54,348	228	234
U.S. Total	9,334.2	9,402.9	2,488,339	2,482,579	267	264
RED MEAT	October 2001	September 2002	October 2002	Oct. 02 Oct. 01	Oct. 02 Sept. 02	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	107.2	113.3	126.3	118	111	
U.S. Total 2/	4,265.1	3,873.0	4,381.8	103	113	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

2/ Revised September 2002 data.



AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		October 2001	Sept. 2002	Oct. 15, 2002	October 2001	Sept. 2002	Oct. 15, 2002
		Dollars					
Hay, All Baled 2/	Ton	117.00	88.00	93.00	98.00	95.50	94.50
Alfalfa Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	123.00	92.00	98.00	106.00	102.00	101.00
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	40.20	26.70	31.90
Cows 2/	Cwt.	37.00	34.00	32.00	37.60	34.90	33.70
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	69.00	67.00	66.50	70.10	68.00	67.80
Calves 2/	Cwt.	89.00	79.00	78.50	99.70	92.00	91.10
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	26.50	30.50	---	27.20	26.10	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	51.50	74.50	---	51.40	76.10	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	1,850.00	---	1,450.00	1,700.00	---	1,420.00
Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	13.84	10.40	10.80	15.60	11.60	11.90

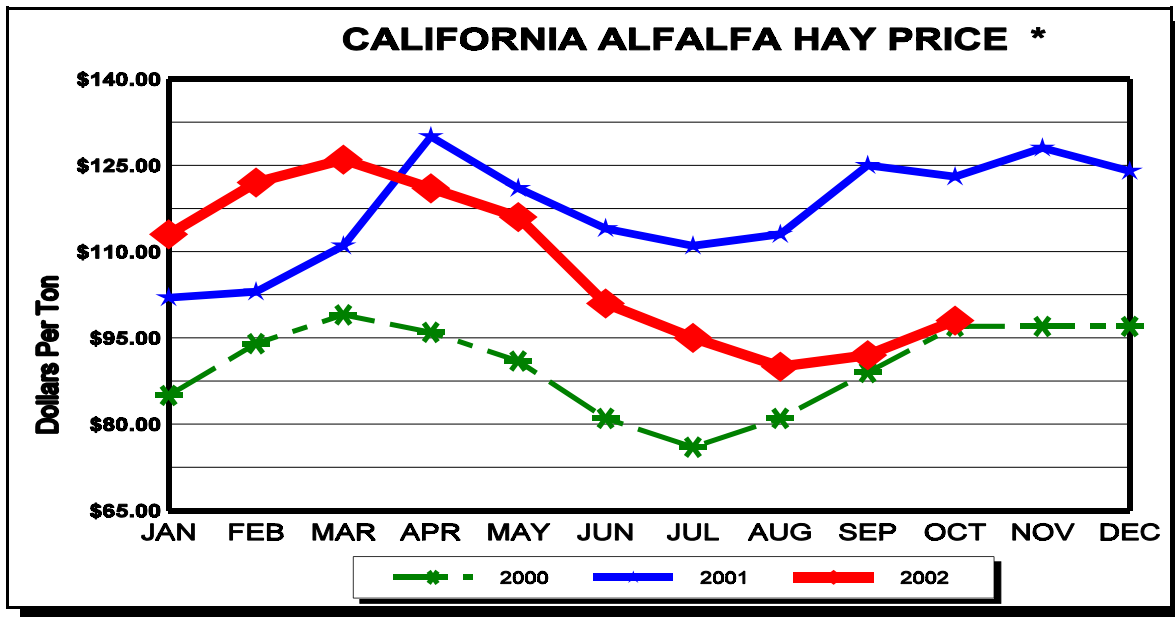
1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

4/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

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- Creates a "Level Playing Field" - Official USDA reports derived from this survey will be made available to everyone at the same time. No individual or organization will have an unfair advantage due to early access to the data.
- Supports Exports Program -- Provides production estimates to build stronger markets abroad for U.S. commodities.
- Reduces Risk -- Provides for orderly marketing of commodities, with less price variation.
- Benefits Agriculture -- Farm associations use official USDA estimates to promote agriculture.
- Increases Efficiency -- Suppliers, transportation operators, and storage providers use this information to better allocate their resources and to meet expected needs geographically.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service is conducting the January Cattle and January Sheep reports. These surveys will provide information on first of the year livestock inventories, peak numbers of other livestock, and on-farm grain storage capacity. Results will be released January 31, 2003 and published in the "California Livestock Review."

Only a sample of producers is selected to represent agriculture nationwide, so every response is critical. California Agricultural Statistics representatives will contact 1,800 livestock producers during early January. Although the interview will take about 20 minutes, the benefits are immeasurable. **Thank you in advance for your participation!**